UT level and National level tournaments whereas the rural sports tournament at Block level is required to be organized by the State/UT Governments from their own resources. The Budget allocation and expenditure incurred under the scheme of Rural Sports Programme during the last three years have been given below:—

(Rupees in lakh)

Budget Allocation (Year-wise)			Expenditure Incurred (Year-wise)		
2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
125.00	125.00	135.00	61.55	NIL	135.00

(f) and (g) Government of Rajasthan have submitted the following proposals to Sports Authority of India (SAI):

(i) SAI Training Centre at Bhilwara

(ii) SAI Training Centre at Ajmer

(iii) SAI Sub-Centre, Vidyadhar Nagar, Jaipur

(iv) SAI Training Centre at University Campus, Jaipur.

The opening of SAI Training Centre at Bhilwara & Ajmer could not be considered as Government of Rajasthan has yet to complete the required sports infrastructure. For Sub-Centre Jaipur, State Government needs to provide 50 acres of developed land and its shape of Rupees one crore. As and when State Government fulfils the requirements, Sports Authority of India will consider the proposal. For the SAI, Training Centre, at the University Campus Jaipur, the proposal will be considered by Sports Authority of India on its merit.

Youth hostels in the North-Eastern States

†551. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of functioning youth hostels in the country especially in the North-Eastern States;

(b) the details of the amount allocated and spent in this regard during the last three years; and

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(c) the details of opening of new youth hostels in the North-Eastern States during the current financial year 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) There are 72 Government Youth Hostels functioning in the country, including 15 in the North-Eastern States.

(b) The details of the amount allocated and spent under the Scheme of Youth Hostels during the last three years are given below:—

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year	Amount allocated	Amount Spent
2002-03	280.00	258.55
2003-04	100.00	98.89
2004-05	300.00	283.00

(c) As four new hostels are under construction, no new youth hostel is proposed to be opened in the North Eastern States during the current financial year 2005-06.

Promotion and development of sports in the country

†552. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes which are being implemented for the development and promotion of sports in the country;

(b) the details of sports facilities provided to the educational institutes of the respective States with the funds/financial assistance provided by Government to various States; and

(c) the effective steps being taken by Government to develop the basic sports infrastructure in the country?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Schemes which are being implemented for the promotion of Sports in the country by the Ministry are Scheme of Incentive for Promotion of Sports Activities; Schemes relating to Awards, Talent Search & Training; Assistance to National Sports Federations; Scheme of Institutions; State Sports Academies; Scheme of Dope Test; National Sports Championship for Women; National Welfare Fund for Sports

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